GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1148
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GAUGE CONVERSION OF MUDKHED-NIZAMABAD RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gauge conversion of Mudkhed-Nizamabad which is in the backward region of Telengana in Andhra Pradesh needs immediate completion in order to cater to the needs of travelling people of that area;

(b) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for an additional allocation of Rs.50 crore for the early completion of the project;

(c) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto; and

(d) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Mudkhed-Nizamabad section forms a part of Secunderabad-Mudkhed gauge conversionproject. The work of gauge conversion of this project is in progress.

(b) & (c): A request was received from Government of Andhra Pradesh for additionalallocation of Rs. 30 cr for the work during the current year. Additional funds to the tune of Rs. 40 cr have been allocated to the work during 2001-2002 for expediting its completion.

(d): Mudkhed-Dharmabad sectionis targeted for completion by 31.3.2002 and Dharmabad- Nizamabad section by 30.6.2002. However, no target date has yet been fixed for completion of the entire project.